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In re Application of :
Michel Perricaudet et al. :
Application No. 10/018,273 :
Filed: August 7, 2002 :
Attorney Docket No. ST99019 US PCT :

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 25, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned as a result of petitioner's failure to file an appeal brief (and fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2)) within the time period provided in 37 CFR 41.37(a)(1). As an appeal brief (and appeal brief fee) was not filed within two (2) months of the Notice of Appeal filed February 2, 2009. No extension of time were obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appeal was dismissed and the proceedings as to the rejected claims were terminated. See 37 CFR 41.37(b). As no claim was allowed, the application became abandoned on April 3, 2009. See MPEP 1215.04. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on October 22, 2009.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), (2) the petition fee of \$1,620 and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay. Accordingly, the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is accepted as being unintentionally delayed.

The application is being revived solely for purposes of continuity. As continuity has been established by this decision reviving the application, the application is again abandoned in favor of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

The application file does not indicate a change of address has been filed in this case, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. A change of address should be filed in this case in accordance with MPEP 601.03. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address noted on the petition. However, until otherwise instructed, all future correspondence regarding this application will be mailed solely to the address of record.

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